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SUBJ: LI HSIEN-NIEN TERMS CHINA "PRO-AMERICAN"

1. AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF PROVIDED USLO THE FOLLOWING SNIPPET FROM MEETING ON APRIL 28 BETWEEN PRC VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN AND AUSTRALIAN MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE PHILLIP LYNCH. ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN NOTES, LI VOLUNTEERED THE STANDARD OVERVIEW OF CHINESE THINKING ON INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS LACED WITH ANTI-SOVIET JIBES. LI THEN SAID "LOOKING AT THE TWO (THE US AND THE USSR), IT IS THE SOVIET UNION THAT IS MORE DANGEROUS. SO YOU SEE WE ARE PRO-AMERICAN (CHIN-MEI)". LI CONCLUDED HIS PRESENTATION WITH FAMILIAR STATEMENTS.

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2. COMMENT: LI'S DESCRIPTION OF THE PRC AS "PRO-AMERICAN" MAY HAVE BEEN DELIVERED WITH A BIT OF IRONY, WHICH IS OFTEN USED BY THE DRY AND INDIVIDUALISTIC LI IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH FOREIGNERS. THE AUSTRALIANS PRESENT AT THE MEETING DID NOT TAKE THE REMARK AS IRONIC, HOWEVER, AND WERE STRUCK BY IT. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THE TERM "PRO-AMERICAN" HAS NOT BEEN USED PREVIOUSLY BY CHINESE LEADERS.

3. AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF STRESSED THAT HE WAS PROVIDING THE ABOVE
WITHOUT FORMALLY CLEARING WITH HIS AMBASSADOR. PLEASE PROTECT
SOURCING CLOSELY.
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